

alma. Some wear on their breast the Cross of St. George, which is given only in cases of great personal bravery.

All have a right to be fed by the State and receive a pension, and if you ask why they beg, the answer invariably is the old story of wholesale peculations by officials.

"There have been horrible instances related to me," says the correspondent, "direct by soldiers wounded in battle. They lay for months in hospitals and then suffered incredible privations on the long journey home, the money appropriated for their food having been stolen by officials."

For weeks they starved on a diet of water and a little bread given by charitable people at stations on the Siberian Railway. When they arrived at their native villages they reported themselves to the local authorities and claimed the pensions promised to them, but after the first instalments no more was forthcoming, and being wounded and unable to work they have dragged themselves to St. Petersburg. They came at first believing that the Little Father would see that justice was done, but the multitude of officials employed for the distribution of pensions kept them back with promises. When they became more pressing the officials sent them away with a few shillings. If they returned after that they were roughly turned out of the offices.

"The spectacle of these Russian heroes begging in the streets is one of shame to any one less case-hardened than Government officials, but now, with a bad crop in view and taxes that cannot be paid, the pensions of the soldiers are held back to make up the deficit."

RUSSIAN PAPER'S PLAN.

Let Czar's Government Guarantee Payment of Cables to the Press.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.—(The Norvege.) In an editorial seriously suggesting that inasmuch as Japan is pressed for money to satisfy her creditors Russia, while refusing to pay an indemnity, should arrange to guarantee Japan's war loans on condition that Russia be allowed to occupy certain portions of Japanese territory, such as Tsushima, until the Japanese Government has paid its debts. Japan at the same time must abandon the hope of obtaining money sufficient to maintain an army of such strength as she is ambitious to maintain.

The *Norvege* rebukes the *Novoye Vremya* for such brazenness, saying that it only renders Russia ridiculous in foreign eyes.

Russia to Expel Officers Who Surrendered.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.—It is stated on good authority that all the officers of Admiral Niebogoff's squadron who were concerned in the surrender at the battle of Tsushima straits will be expelled from the navy.

TOM JOHNSON'S BUSY DAY.

Caught in the Rain. He Orders Over a Million's Worth of Trolley Equipment.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 25.—Caught in the rain here, while on a tour with his wife in an auto, Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland went to the office of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, whose 180 miles of trolley tracks were built by his brother, the late Albert L. Johnson. This system was recently reorganized after a foreclosure sale, and it is sorely in need of improvements. Calling the other directors and the engineers of the company together, Mayor Johnson in a few hours ordered a new power equipment, rolling stock and other essentials that will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,200,000. He also directed one of the officers of the company here to move to Trenton and take charge of the sixty mile Johnson trolley system centering in that city. He plans to build a line from Trenton to Willow Grove, right up against Philadelphia from a northeasterly direction. The Philadelphia branch of the Allentown line runs to Chestnut Hill. When Mayor Johnson was asked if his recent call on Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia had anything to do with any intention he might have of entering the trolley field there, he replied that his plans hadn't matured sufficiently to be made public.

TWO ON PARLOR CAR STEP.

With the Train Whizzing On and the Vestibule Door Locked.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 25.—George B. Brown, a rich lumberman, and his wife had a terrifying experience on a fast Pennsylvania train last night. They rode five miles while clinging to the railing of a parlor car, having only the step of the car on which to stand. They boarded the train at Watsonstown, but the porter of the car failed to open the vestibule door and the train got away headway. Mrs. Brown clutched the handrail and the porter, while Mr. Brown held fast to the guard rail.

WOMAN'S PERILOUS LEAP.

Jumps From Handcar in Canon to Escape Collision—Broke Her Ankle.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 25.—Frankie at the prospect of a collision which would probably result in serious injury, if not death, and fearing that there was no hope of averting the impending crash, Mrs. A. G. Brown, wife of the president of the Stanley Misco Company and a leader in Denver society, jumped from a rapidly moving handcar in Clear Creek Canon yesterday afternoon, and is now in a hospital suffering from a fractured ankle.

Mrs. Brown was anxious to meet a special engagement, and the last regular train from Idaho Springs having departed, undertook to make the forty mile ride down the steep mountain grade on a handcar.

LION ROAMS THE FIELDS.

Escaped From a Circus in Illinois—Searching Parties Out.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 25.—The police department here was advised to-day that a full grown lion was missing from a circus and might be near here. The circus train passed through here at daybreak en route from Decatur to Minonk. After reaching Minonk the lion's cage was found broken and the lion was supposed to be roaming through the cornfields of central Illinois. Searching parties well armed will be organized.

T. P. SHONTS'S YACHT BURNED.

The Magruder, Owned by Chairman of Panama Commission, Destroyed.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 25.—The splendid yacht Magruder, owned by T. P. Shonts, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, was burned to the water's edge last night. There was no insurance. The yacht had been cruising in the Gulf for some time, and but a few days ago a report came that the entire crew had deserted. She was to have come over to Pensacola for a short stay. The craft was one of the finest in Southern waters.

VISIT THE ISLE OF SHOALS.

PEACE CONFERENCE WATCHERS TAKE A DAY OFF.

Quiet and Restful Spot Out of Touch With the World—Forthmouth Has an Interesting "Doc" Who Wanders Around in Public in a Nightshirt and a Straw Hat.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 25.—Visits to the Isle of Shoals have been the order of the day. The weather was bright and neither too hot nor too cold; the sea between the harbor and the islands showed never a trace of a swell, and since it is up to St. Petersburg and back again the Wentworths rested. Capt. Hank, the ancient German mariner who runs the boats at the Wentworth landing, raised three trips in the afternoon the Russian attaché who lingered about the hotel with little to do caught the contagion. The forces of Uncle Sam in Portsmouth are at the disposal of the official parties, and when after luncheon Mrs. Rojevsky mentioned that she would like to see the Isle of Shoals a message was sent to the Mayflower and an ensign brought down the ship launch for Mr. Rojevsky. Mrs. Rojevsky and the Rojevskys dog.

The Isle of Shoals, which is really five or six little islands about as big as a fair sized meadow, lies ten miles out to sea. There are summer homes on two of them, a few cottages and a lighthouse. For their size there is a lot of history on them. Once Appledore Island had a village of 800 people, which the British wiped out root and branch in the Revolution. The foundations of the village houses are there yet—a big checkerboard of stone work. Here lived Celia Thaxter, poet, and her son, the poet's father abandoned the world and went away to be an island dweller. Her grave is on Appledore.

Star Island also has its graveyard—the tombs of the Caswell family, who began to bury their dead there early in the last century. The fishing town of Gaspoint once stood on Star Island. It got tired of corporate existence and quit being, leaving a debt of \$15,000, which will remain plastered to the island, so far as man can see, until the morning stars sing together. One day you can see the debt from the Wentworth.

Longfellow, Whittier and the other great of their period used to summer out there, and every tree has had a poem or a tale nailed to it. You can't be eminent in New England unless you've touched up the Isle of Shoals.

The hotels are inhabited by quiet and restful persons who are summing there to get away from the bustle of the world. The hotels are quiet and restful. Both hotels have croquet grounds. At the Appledore, on Appledore Island, they play croquet every evening and on Star Island there's a progressive authors party every Friday night.

One of the guests on Star Island yesterday that it was just like taking a vacation on a ship at sea, only you missed the roll. The young people take out their vacationing in rowing from island to island and then back again. The chaperon, who is wholly unnecessary. There is a spot on either island which is not in plain view from the hotel.

The King of the Isle is Oscar Leighton, brother of Celia Thaxter. He was born there and never saw the mainland until he was 18. He has seen it very few times since. The only horse on the islands until very lately was a mare named Madge. She was brought there as a filly and never saw another horse until this summer, when she brought out to relieve her in her old age. When she beheld the terrible beast, she acted like a country horse who sees an automobile for the first time.

Oscar Leighton is a "character." Every town hereabout is long on characters. In Kittery, they have Mel Stimson, the author and the only Southern gentleman born on New England soil, also Old Man Patch, the weather prophet and political sage, and Sam Lee, the Chinese ally of the Rum Devil.

In Portsmouth, they have them on every street. Just now, "Doc" attracts the most attention. He is a real doctor of medicine, in spite of the title, has command of six or seven languages, and was present as a medical student at the first administration of ether as an anesthetic. "Doc" lives alone in a beautiful Colonial house of the Washington period. Of late he has been dissatisfied with the arrangement of the coal bin for the hall fireplace. Therefore, he cut a hole in the hardwood ceiling of the old hall, rigged a bin and chute up in the ceiling, and he pulled to pull a string and the fireplace is full.

His dress, however, is his title to be called a character. Summer and winter, he wears a straw hat with a hole out in the top for ventilation. On one of the hottest days this summer he went down town to do some shopping clad in a flannel shirt, a dress suit, a pair of tan shoes without heels. He always cuts the heels off his shoes, believing that it is a healthful plan. When asked to explain the fur coat, he said that he was wearing a fur coat, the felly of modern dress. Sometimes he appears on the street in his night shirt, maintaining that a night shirt is fully as chaste and proper as the costume of the ancient Greeks.

It was only last month that a modest young man of Portsmouth was driving through town, escorting a woman visitor from the middle West. As they drew near the "Doc's" house, he said: "Now, there is a noble example of our architecture of the Washington period. Observe the beautiful white columns. They passed into full view just then, and there was the "Doc" in his nightshirt, painting pillars.

John W. Hutchinson passed down Main street, Portsmouth, yesterday, with the new Mrs. Hutchinson. Their bridal tour begins to-morrow. They will wind up at a grand reunion of the Hutchinson family, where a statue to "Fraternity" will be unveiled. Mr. Hutchinson passed on the pavement to lecture on peace and the brotherhood of man while Mrs. Hutchinson went into a store to do some shopping. When she returned he was saying:

"And I leave this as my final message to the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan."

"Come on, John," said Mrs. Hutchinson.

"All right, Emily, as soon as I finish this argument," said he.

"You come now," said she.

"Yes," said he. The harness for his. Because every one believes that the end of this conference is near, the photograph album has appeared in violent form. Every prominent man in the place has been caught, even to the Japanese envoys. This morning a young woman who had been especially busy caught Mr. Takeshita on the gravel walk. There was no table at hand, but that bothered Takeshita not at all. He squatted, Japanese fashion, as cleverly as though he was wearing a kimono instead of a black suit, and did his writing on his knees.

Witte and Rosen took their afternoon

LAZARUS BROOK QUINCE, the world wide Cold Cure, removes the cause, cures the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove, 360-Ad.

exercise about to-day. They walked to New Castle. Some of the outsiders of the village saw them coming and passed the word along, so that they drew a big gallery. Freed from the responsibility of steering Ambassador, J. Owell, their chauffeur, climbed the ninety foot flagpole before them to mend a broken stay. Owell says that the Russians are ideal passengers for any chauffeur. They always tell him to go as fast as he can. There are five automobiles kept for the benefit of the envoys, and the drivers of these machines are living in a chauffeur's paradise, for no peace official of Portsmouth, New Castle or Kittery would think of arresting a foreigner won so hardly for the State of New Hampshire by the pull of their legislators. The chauffeurs have missed no tricks on that, and they get out of their cars all that is in them.

The lawn party which the Japanese attended at York Harbor yesterday turns out to have been quite a function. It was a social gathering on the lawn of Mrs. Newton Perkins and everything was Jap. A family of experts gave an exhibition of jiu-jitsu. Tea was served to real Japanese gentlemen in American frock coats by real American ladies in Japanese kimono. There were a number of writers among the guests, including William Dean Howells, Thomas Nelson Page and John Fox, Jr. It appears that Howells has been among us several times since the conference opened at the end of the month. He was in the garden and was never recognized, which shows what kind of authors get their pictures printed nowadays.

The hotel bus is beginning to dump weekend parties from town again. A bundle of magazine editors arrived to-night. There will be room for the weekend parties this time, for it is getting toward the end of the short season in New Hampshire and the summer regulars are thinning out.

Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen did not tonight with Mr. and Mrs. Peirce will give a dinner to the Japanese attaché on Tuesday evening and to the Russian attaché on Wednesday evening. This is one of the small signs which point to a continuance of the negotiations.

KOMURA VISITS COTTON MILLS.

Spends the Afternoon Studying the Manchester Industry.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 25.—Baron Komura, accompanied by Mr. Sato, Mr. Adachi and Commander Takeshita spent the day in Manchester, N. H., inspecting the cotton mills, as the guests of Gov. McLean. Nearly every one of importance in Manchester had been invited to meet the party at the railroad station. Gov. McLean was there, and so were Senator Burnham, Congressman Sulloway and a dozen others of more or less value in the making of New Hampshire political history. The rest of Manchester came uninvited, and when the Japanese descended from their special parlor car at 10:30 o'clock they were cheered long and hysterically.

The leading photographer had a camera ready and the peace men posed good naturedly while half a dozen pictures were taken. Afterward they went through the Manchester cotton mills and the mills of the Ameskeag Corporation, which are said to be the largest in the world. It had been expected that T. Jefferson Colledge, president of the Ameskeag Corporation, would meet Baron Komura and his party, but he was not there. The Japanese, however, were not disappointed. An informal luncheon was served at the Derry Field Club, and afterward the party saw Manchester and the fields adjacent thereto from a private trolley car, leaving on the 4:20 train, which brought them back to Portsmouth in time for dinner. There was even more enthusiasm over their departure than for their arrival. The crowd seemed bent on having a public expression of their opinion of their city from the British, who, however, merely bowed with his hat in his hand from the rear platform, while the photographer laid several more paving stones on his road to fortune.

There was a feeling about the hotel that the trip might have more in it for the envoy than pleasure or instruction, which was strengthened by the fact that it was taken on the evening of the crisis. Mr. Sato, however, said that the growth of the cotton industry in Japan was responsible for the Baron's interest.

It had been expected that Minister Takahira would be one of the party, but at the last moment he decided to remain within handgrip of the pulse of the situation.

YELLOW FEVER IN CHECK.

Dr. White Says the New Orleans Epidemic Will Soon Be Over.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—Dr. H. White, in charge of the yellow fever situation here and who has been most conservative in his views, declares that the epidemic will be over in New Orleans in a few weeks. The fever is now held in check, he says, and the next step will be to crush it out. The problem had proved a most difficult one.

"It started," says Dr. White, "with 100 unknown fever cases in the detention camp. Havana health authorities advised would swamp them. The record shows what we have accomplished."

Dr. White outlines the general fumigation of houses once a week.

Dr. White has now attacked the gutters of New Orleans, and they are being treated with rock salt to prevent their becoming breeding places for mosquitoes.

The building formerly known as McDonough Public School No. 18, now owned by the city, was yesterday reported to have a yellow fever hospital and patients in future will be sent there. It is much larger and better suited for a hospital than the building heretofore used for that purpose, and it is now being prepared.

Gov. Blanchard gave notice to the Memphis, Helena and Louisiana Railroad that it must resume the operation of its trains. The road was generally greatly inconvenienced by quarantine and not relief from them by stopping its trains, to the great discomfort of people living along its line, who found themselves cut off from communication with the outside world.

ANOTHER NO TABLES ARREST.

Third Steamship Captain Held for Not Providing Accommodations.

Capt. Joseph Sartorio of the Italian steamer Sicilia was arrested yesterday on the complaint of the customs authorities, charged with having failed to provide sufficient table and seating capacity for the steamer. The captain was charged with having only fifty seats had been provided for 702 passengers.

HAAS LANDED IN COTTON CASE.

SECOND ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY—ARREST HOLMES NOW.

Prisoner's Counsel Says He's Been in Town All the Time, and That the Arrests Are Grand Stand Plays—Hollowy Liquor Dealer Furnishes the \$10,000 Bail.

MOORE HAAS, who was indicted with Frederick A. Peckham and Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., for conspiracy to defraud, in the State Supreme Court, gave himself up yesterday to United States Marshal Henkel at the office of his counsel, Mark Alter, 115 West Tenth street.

Haas was taken in a well appointed carriage to the Marshall's private office, and later arraigned before United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock. Bail was fixed at \$10,000, given by Aaron Herzberg, a wholesale liquor dealer at 41 Bowery. Mr. Alter reserved a right to plead until Haas is examined Monday morning before Commissioner Hitchcock.

Haas was arrested on a complaint based upon the indictment and sworn to on information and belief by Assistant United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise. This charge that Holmes, Haas and Peckham entered into an unlawful agreement and conspiracy to defraud the Government through the furnishing by Holmes, in contravention of his duties and violation of confidence reposed in him as associate statistician in the Department of Agriculture, of copies of the cotton crop reports compiled by the Department, in advance of their official publication.

Haas and Peckham fulfilled their part of the alleged unlawful agreement, says the complaint, by getting Lewis C. Van Riper, a New York cotton broker, to furnish the money to play the market on Holmes's information, the profits to be divided between the participants.

The specific act upon which the charges are based is alleged to have been committed in August, 1904. Holmes then furnished to Van Riper figures and other advance information on the cotton crop which were to have been published in the report of Sept. 1, 1904.

Peckham, in pursuance of the conspiracy, says the papers, sent the following telegram from Washington on Aug. 6, 1904:

L. C. Van Riper, Room 1001, 20 Broad St., N. Y.:

Come to Washington at once. Wire me Raleigh Hotel time of arrival. Don't advise Mr. P.

Indictments against Holmes, Peckham and Haas were returned by the Grand Jury at Washington on the April term of the Supreme Court. The indictments were filed on Aug. 22, and bench warrants for the arrest of the three men immediately issued. Peckham was arrested at Saratoga on Wednesday and the hunt for Holmes is still on. The warrants require the appearance of the three men for trial at Washington on Oct. 3.

Although United States Marshal Henkel's deputies have been searching for Haas for the last few days, Mark Alter, his counsel, says he has never been away from the city.

"Mr. Haas was in my office twice on Thursday, and at no time has avoided arrest."

"This is a piece of grand stand play on the part of District Attorney Beach, at whose instance Mr. Peckham was arrested at Saratoga Wednesday. He had been at the hotel there for three weeks and had no intention of leaving. There has been no necessity for any persons so far connected with the case to evade arrest or the serving of any papers. It will be probably proven in due time that even if the facts laid down in the complaints and indictments are true, no offense has been committed under which these individuals who have been mentioned can be held responsible under the law."

"As to Mr. Van Riper's testimony, I doubt whether any Grand Jury would listen to it. We have testimony to introduce about him which, I think, will have the effect of persuading Mr. Beach to drop his case."

Section 5440 of the Federal Revised Statutes, under which the three men are under indictment, reads:

"If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, all the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000, and to imprisonment for not more than two years."

It is said that the combination to play the market on Holmes's information lasted from November, 1903, to June, 1905, when L. C. Van Riper is alleged to have given the whole thing away. In that time the clique is supposed by the authorities to have cleared over a million dollars.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., formerly associate statistician of the Department of Agriculture, will be arrested to-morrow on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the cotton statistics scandal under the indictments returned by the Grand Jury last week.

The whereabouts of Holmes has been hidden from the general public for several weeks, but the authorities here assert that they have been in touch with him all the time and that he will come to the city to-morrow and surrender himself.

With the arrests of Moore Haas, in New York to-day, and of F. A. Peckham, at Saratoga on Wednesday, together with that of Holmes, to come to-morrow, the present plans to prosecute in connection with the cotton statistics scandal are now complete, and no other conspiracy will be expected unless the Grand Jury should bring to light some additional evidence. In view of this statement, it is taken for granted that sufficient evidence was not produced to implicate others in the charge of conspiracy to profit by "doctoring" the reports on cotton.

FIFTY-SEVEN CARS WRECKED.

Engine Thrown Into Canal—Three Men Injured.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 25.—The breaking of a car axle on a westbound freight train caused a serious accident on the Pennsylvania Railroad this evening at Fifty-seven cars, which were strung along the track for 500 yards. An eastbound freight crashed into the wreckage and the engine was thrown into a canal.

Engineer Samuel Basely of Harrisburg was seriously injured and two brakemen were hurt.

Stenographers in Convention.

The delegates to the New York State Stenographers' Association met in convention again yesterday in the County Court House and elected officers for the coming year. George A. Murray of Albany was elected president, Irving F. Craig of Buffalo, vice-president; Louis Lowenstein of Troy, secretary and treasurer; M. J. Ballantyne of Rochester, librarian. Papers were read by delegates relating to stenography and allied subjects. The next convention will be held at Albany a year from now.

FREE TRADE FOR PHILIPPINES.

Senator Long Predicts It as Result of the Congressional Debate.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. MANILA, Aug. 25.—The Congressional visitors, landing at Legaspi to-day, drove to Albay, and made observations of the process of hemp cultivation and preparation from the plant to market. Senator Scott and Mr. Schmidlap attempted to do some stripping for themselves and declared it the hardest work they had ever done. To-morrow the Congressmen will go to Borongan and then to Olongapo, arriving at Manila on Monday.

Speaking to-day, Senator Long of Kansas prophesied in abundant terms that the islands would have free trade equally with Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. He said that his tour of the archipelago had demonstrated that the United States had no need to fear the competition of Philippine sugar and tobacco. He pledged his word that the visit of the Congressional party would prove most beneficial in interesting American capital and producing favorable legislation at the hands of Congress.

Secretary Taft said: "Speaking as Secretary of War, I assert that any member of the army who does not cooperate with the insular administration does not deserve to wear the uniform. I rejoice in the universal evidences of the full cooperation of the army and of the prosperity of the Filipinos."

Most of the Congressmen realize that the idea that free trade would be prejudicial to American sugar and tobacco is purely visionary.

HUGH WATT IS HELD.

Charged With Trying to Procure Murder of His Former Wife.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 25.—Hugh Watt, a former Member of Parliament, who is charged with attempting to hire Herbert Marshall, a private detective, to murder Watt's former wife, was before the court to-day.

Joseph McKenna, an employee of Marshall, deposed to listening behind a door to an interview between Marshall and the defendant. Marshall asked: "Is there any money to play the market on Holmes's information, the profits to be divided between the participants?"

Watt and his present wife both figured in the divorce court in recent years. The present Mrs. Watt is the daughter of the fifth Earl of Roden, and in 1880 she married Sir Reginald Beauchamp, Bart. He divorced her in 1901. She was named as co-respondent in the first Mrs. Watt's suit for divorce.

THOUSANDS STARVING.

Mayor of Ousma Tells of Suffering of Spanish Peasants.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. MADRID, Aug. 25.—The Mayor of Ousma, in the province of Seville, telegraphed that the famine is most acute. The olive crop has failed, and the olive oil is scarce. Men daily collapse in the streets, and mothers helplessly watch their children faint before their eyes.

The Government's roadmaking scheme will provide work for only four hundred, the Mayor says, while four thousand starving men are appealing for help.

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

American Woman Among the Victims—Two Soldiers Also Dead.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. MANILA, Aug. 25.—Cholera has appeared in Manila in a sporadic form. One American woman and a man died this morning. Two privates at Camp McKinley have also died of the disease.

The surgeon of the board of health considers that the appearance of the disease will not have serious results.

England Has New Torpedo.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 25.—The Daily Post says that the Admiralty has had submitted to it a new type of torpedo which promises to create almost a revolution in naval warfare. It is effective at a much longer range than the torpedo in present use.

ARMY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

Chicago May Get the Northern and St. Louis the Southern.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25.—Members of the General Staff of the United States Army are much interested in a discussion of impending changes which, it is said, will involve a change in the location of two of the present army division headquarters. The division headquarters in question are those of the Northern division, now located in St. Louis, and the Southern division, now located in Chicago. It is said that the Northern division headquarters will be transferred to Chicago and those of the Southern division brought to St. Louis. The reason given for the rumored change is that the present headquarters for the Northern division are in a location which is not so convenient and its business transactions more speedily from Chicago, while St. Louis is the natural business center and distributing point for the Southern division.

The change made, which now seems assured, it is probable that Missouri and Kansas will be taken from the Northern division and placed in the Southern division, as belonging most naturally there.

PROVES GRAND JURY IN ERROR.

Millionaire Plaster Forces Rendering Co. to Admit It Has No Claim on Him.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—The Wisconsin Rendering Company, from which Charles F. Pfister, the millionaire, was accused of having stolen \$10,000, and for which the Grand Jury recently indicted him, to-day confessed judgment to Pfister of notes for \$5,000 which Pfister held against the company, and thereby practically disproved the Grand Jury charge.

Pfister had brought the suit to make the company show it had a claim against him, in which case he would have been indicted. It to-day denied that it had a claim, and admitted it owed Pfister money on the notes he had bought up after the indictment was placed in the hands of the Grand Jury. He will now go into the criminal court and force the District Attorney to prosecute him.

Since the Rendering company denies that he stole their money, it is difficult to see how the District Attorney is going to prove his case. Pfister has from the first held that he was innocent of the charge, that he was indicted without evidence, and that the indictment was returned because of political reasons.

OBITUARY.

John Voorhis, aged 82, died at Greenwich, Conn., yesterday morning after a long illness. He was born at New York in 1827 and for many years after he resided in New York. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association and of the New York State Agricultural Society. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association and of the New York State Agricultural Society. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association and of the New York State Agricultural Society.

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